PLANNING GUIDANCE

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GENERAL (Structure)

- General guidance in main document
- Detailed guidance in appendices
- Main document from 700 to 80 pages
- Guidance will be located on Corps website
- www.army.ml/inet/usace.docs/er/er1105-2-100/toc.htm

APPENDICES

- Appendix A - References 3 pp.
- Appendix B - Public Involvement 8 pp.
- Appendix C - Envn. Compliance 55 pp.
- Appendix D - Economics & Social 41 pp.
- Appendix E - Missions & Eval. 309 pp.
- Appendix F - Continuing Auth. 27 pp.
- Appendix G - Pln. Reports & Progs. 85 pp.
- Appendix H - Review & Approval 12 pp.

GENERAL (Content)

- Emphasis on planning principles and process
- Planning steps are described
- Policies & procedures for each mission in one location
- Types of studies, reports, procedures described
- Appendices support main document with guidance details

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES

- Guidance still based on P&G
- Formulation of NED plan required
- Seek to balance economic development and environmental needs
- Emphasis on reasonableness, sound judgment, common sense
- Systematic, comprehensive treatment of watershed resources

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

- Restore ecosystem structure, function and processes
- Projects may be single or multiple purpose
- National ecosystem restoration (NER) plan
- Value of outputs shall exceed cost
- Metrics include but not limited to habitat units

PARTNERSHIPS

- Investment in water resources from Nation's perspective
- Partner successfully with sponsors and stakeholders
- Partner as both lead and cooperating agency
- Incorporate public involvement from start
- Responsive to national, state, and local concerns
- Range of programs for timely, cost-effective solutions

WATERSHEDS

- All planning should incorporate a watershed perspective
- Maximize economic and environmental value of watershed resources
- Systematic and comprehensive treatment of watershed resources
- Sustainability of future watershed resources

NON-TRADITIONAL

- Innovative solutions integral to the planning process
- Equal consideration of structural and non-structural measures
- Plans not limited to those implemented by the Corps
- Vision is the foundation of sound planning

COMMON SENSE

- Ensure all reasonable plans are evaluated
- Reasonably maximize net benefits
- Completeness, effectiveness, efficiency and acceptability
- Emphasis on sound judgment and common sense

POLICY COMPLIANCE (Congressional Authorization)

- Districts are responsible for policy compliance and independent technical review
- MSCs are responsible for assuring policy compliance
- HQUSACE is responsible for policy review, approval and certification
- HQUSACE policy support available from study initiation to completion
- Policy issues raised and resolved as early as possible in successful process

DISTRICT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY

- Quality and accuracy of study processes
- Approval of technical and policy quality control (QC) plans
- Reports, including their content
- Presentation of reports and their findings to higher authority